facilities in Rajasthan are available in the following cities/towns:

UNDER NATIONAL NET WORK

Jaipur

UNDER POINT TO POINT SERVICE

(i) Jaipur (ii) Ajmer (iii) Jodhpur (iv) Udaipur (v) Kota (vi) Bikaner and (vii) Pali.

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Kuriyarkutty-Karappara Multipurpose Project

4001. SHRI V.S. VIJAYARAGHAVAN: Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Kuriyarkutty-Karappara Multi-purpose Project in Kerala is pending with the Union Government; and

(b) if so, the details thereof and the time by which it is likely to be cleared?

THE MINISTER OF WATER RESOURCES (SHRI VIDYACHARAN SHUKLA): (a) and (b) No, Sir. The revised irrigation component of Kuriyarkutty-Karappara Project of Kerala estimated to cost Rs. 60.16 crores was received in the Central Water Commission in June, 1990. The modified power component of the project estimated to cost Rs. 131.03 crores was received in the Central Electricity Authority in January, 1991. The Screening Committee of the Central Water Commission after examination found that the irrigation component of the project has not been prepared keeping in view the decisions of the Expert Committee. As the compliance would have materially affected the project proposal, the project was returned to the State Government in June, 1991 for modifications. The Ministry of Environment and Forests refused permission to the State Government to carry out detailed investigations in the area falling under Parambikulam Wildlife Sanctuary. Therefore, the State Government is not in a position to complete detailed investigation for power component.

Special Foodgrains Production Programme

4002. SHRI V.S. VIJAYARAGHAVAN: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) the number of districts in Kerala covered under the Special Foodgrains Production Programme;

(b) the progress made so far under the programme in Kerala;

(c) whether the Union Government propose to bring more districts in Kerala under this scheme; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI MULLAPPALLY RAMACHANDRAN): (a) Five districts in Kerala are covered under the Integrated Programme for Rice Development (IPRD).

(b) Under the Programme of 1991-92, so far, 5791 quintals of certified paddy seeds, 685 kg. herbicides, 235 kg. pesticides and 43 sprayers have been provided to the farmers on subsidised cost. Besides, field demonstrations on improved rice production technology have been organised over 112 ha. on the farmers' holdings.

(c) and (d) There is no proposal so far, to bring more districts in Kerala under this scheme.

Sponsor of Indian Students for higher studies in Australia

4003. SHRI V.S. VIJAYARAGHAVAN: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether any private agencies are sponsoring Indian students for higher studies in Australia;

(b) if so, the details thereof?

(c) whether the Government are aware of reports of cheating of students recruited by these agencies in Australia; and

(d) if so, the steps taken by the Government to regulate the activities of these agencies?

THE MINISTER OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI MADHAVSINH SOLANKI): (a) to (d) Information on the subject is being collected and will be laid on the table of the House.